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SUBJECT: US FORCES ALERT PROCEDURES

FOR AMBASSADORS/CHARGES

1.IN LIGHT OF OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE OCTOBER 25 DE

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WORLDWIDE, STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE REVIEWED PROCEDURES FOR

NOTIFICATIONS TO OUR AMBASSADORS AND ALLIES, AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

2. FOLLOWING A DECISION TO ALERT ALL OR A PORTION OF US MILITARY FORCES (I.E., ANY CHANGE IN DEFCON), STATE'S OPERATIONS CENTER WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE INFORMED BY THE NMCC. THE OPERATIONS CENTER, AFTER APPROPRIATE URGENT CHECKS, WILL INFORM ALL US DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.

3. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE MOST RAPID NOTIFICATION TO MISSIONS REDUNDANT CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WILL ALSO BE USED. ALL SENIOR US MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING DAO'S, CHIEFS OF MAAGS, AND OTHER SIMILAR MISSIONS, WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO NOTIFY THE US AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF ALERT INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH THEIR OWN CHANNELS.

4. AMBASSADORS/CHARGES IN COUNTRIES WHERE THE US HAS MILITARY FORCES OR WITH WHICH WE HAVE BI- OR MULTI-LATERAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED,

EITHER IN THE INITIAL NOTIFICATION MESSAGE OR SEPARATELY, TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS. OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL, WE WOULD EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INFORMATION OR GUIDANCE WITH THE FIRST, NOTIFICATION, MESSAGE. IF SUCH SHOULD NOT BE THE CASE, GUIDANCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING AS QUICKLY AS IT CAN BE DEVELOPED.

5. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WOULD LIKE MOD'S OF ALL NATO COUNTRIES TO BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY OF ANY US MILITARY ALERT ONCE NOTIFICATION TO OUR ALLIES HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED. A SECDEF MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO US EMBASSIES AND DEFENSE ATTACHES IN ALL NATO COUNTRIES WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT BE RELAYED TO MOD'S AFTER AUTHORIZATION BY THE AMBASSADOR.

6. AMBASSADORS IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THOSE WITH WHICH WE HAVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS OR IN WHICH WE HAVE US MILITARY FORCES SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS UNTIL SPECIFIC GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED. IF THIS SHOULD CAUSE SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS, AMBASSADORS/

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CHARGES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE DEPARTMENT.

7. IN THE EVENT YOU OR ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF ARE CALLED UPON TO UNDERTAKE ACTIONS WHICH YOU BELIEVE INADVISABLE, THESE SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE (WITH COPIES TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES CONCERNED) FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. IF YOU BELIEVE SUCH ACTIONS WILL CAUSE SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS IN

BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT, THIS TOO SHOULD BE REPORTED.

8. FOR USNATO: IN ADDITION TO AUTOMATIC NOTIFICATION FROM STATE, USDELMC WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU IMMEDIATELY OF ANY NOTIFICATION HE RECEIVES OF A CHANGE IN THE DEFENSE CONDITION OF US MILITARY FORCES. AS NOTED IN PARA 4 ABOVE, SOME INFORMATION OR GUIDANCE SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE FIRST NOTIFICATION. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AS QUICKLY AS IT CAN BE DEVELOPED. AS SOON AS AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO INFORM ALLIED GOVERNMENTS, YOU SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND PERM REPS ARE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED. THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE SHOULD BE INFORMED AT THE SAME TIME. RUSH

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